QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here are the questions asked most frequently by Virginia farmers during the past week, as reported by county agricultural agents. Answers are supplied by staff members of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service and Experiment Station).

Q. What can I do about fire blight disease on apples and pears?

A. It is too late to do anything about it this season. The recommended control is an antibiotic spray during the blooming stage.

Q. Is the Japanese beetle expected to become serious enough on field corn to warrant control measures?

A .As far as can be determined now, no. Japanese beetle control on field corn is generally impractical.

Q. When are the prices of eggs and broilers expected to rise?

A. Egg prices should show some increase within the next couple of weeks, but no big increase is expected before early July. Broiler prices likewise should begin to show some strength soon.

Q. How can I control horse flies on cattle and work stock?

A. No protection will last very long, but frequent use of a spray solution containing pyrethrins plus a synergist will help. Horses are best treated by mopping them with a sponge saturated in the insecticide.

Q. How can I control cutworms and wireworms in my garden after setting out plants?

A. There isn't anything you can do about wireworms after the plants are set out. For cutworms, dust underneth and around the plants with toxophene or DDT.

Q. I have last year's silage in my trench silo. Should I feed it to my steers or turn them on pasture. I don't plan to clip the pasture for hay.

A. Don't let your pasture go to waste. Graze it, and use the silage later when pasture is short.

Q. Why can't I get as good a stand and yield of lespedeza hay as I could a few years ago?

A. Check the fertility and PH of your soil, and your time and rate of seeding. Lespedeza is not generally a hard crop to grow if the recommendations are followed carefully.

Q. Is it too late to sow oats?

A. Yes, the next recommended dates will be for winter oats, four weeks ahead of the average date of the first killing frost in your area.

Q. At what stage of maturity should I make my first cutting of alfalfa hay?

A. Alfalfa - grass mixtures should be cut between the time the grass heads emerge and the bloom stage. The first cutting of alfalfa in pure stands may be made before it blooms. Alfalfa should be cut when it begins to lose its lower leaves.

His Own Worst Enemy

Los Angeles.- Two months ago George Hinton, Jr. shot himself in the knee while practicing fast draws with a target pistol. But that didn't stop him. He recently shot himself in the foot while doing the same thing.

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Bible Material: II Kings 11-12. Devotional Reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19.

Religion In Life

Lesson for June 28, 1959

"THE TEST of a nation's professed religion was then and is now: Does it work out into the nation's whole life?" That last sentence from last week's column will be our starting point for this one. The fact is, that sentence raises a great many questions. How does religion work out into the life of a nation? Just one side of this single question will be enough for this week's short discussion.

The Ancient Style is not for Us

Dr. Foreman

The story of the high priest Jehoiada and the young king Joash is a story of how religion worked out into public life once upon a time. But of course we can't follow Jehoiada's line, for obvious reasons. For one thing, he was an uncle (by marriage) of the boy king, whose parents had been murdered when he was a baby. Little Joash has been brought up in the Temple itself, in secret, and we can be sure that the High Priest had had much to say to his nephew. Now we can't pick some future President of the U. S. A. in his infancy and take him off (say) to a Bishop's home, or rather the Bishop's cathedral, and bring him up there—even if his uncle were a bishop, which isn't likely. Furthermore, High Priest Jehoida was not only an in-law of royalty. He was head of the official state religion. Most Americans do not want a state religion, we fell it is better (for all its drawbacks) to have a religiously free nation. So if we are going to make religion a force in national affairs we shall have to do something different from what Jehoiada did.

Two Mistakes

But we have the same problem Jehoiada had: How can we get religion into public life? The point is, he used the opportunity he had. And so may we, if we use any consecrated ingenuity. To make the problem simpler, let us limit it to this question: How can organized religion, that is to say the church, make itself felt in the public (that is, the official) life of the nation?

Two opposite mistakes have been made. One is to throw the weight of the church into the political arena, as a voting and fighting unit, so that the church becomes either in name or in effect a political party. This has happened more than once in European politics. The short verdict must be that it does neither the church nor politics any good. The opposite mistake is made by some of those who see well enough what is wrong with the church's becoming a "clerical party" or anything of the sort. Shying away from that blunder, some have stumbled into another: namely withdrawing the church entirely from political life, so much so that no minister and no church body ever raise a voice regarding any political issue, or any issue which politicians and lawmakers have to deal with. The verdict on this also is short and straight: A bad solution. Political life and leaders, left to themselves, assume that religion has nothing to say about public interests; and the church becomes morally deaf and blind.

What the Church Can Do

Between these two futile mistakes there are some actual possible ways of making Christian influence felt by those who stand in places of power, great or small. (1) Churches can make public statements in their conventions or assemblies, about matters of national or international concern. Examples of this would be such statement made by the National the south on the race question, bringing popular race prejudice to the light of God's Word and finding it a sin. Another example is a statements as have been made in Council of Churches criticizing the government's foreign policy at certain points. This is not politics: it is the church seeing moral issues and saying what they are. (2) Churches can make an effort to win public men to Christian living. (3) The church can encourage young Christians to prepare themselves for public service as a Christian duty.

Heart official urges cut in diet with age.

DRAFT BOARD RULES EXPLAINED

(The draft has been extended for four years, until July 1, 1963. This means that the young men of the country must continue to expect to serve in the military forces This series of articles outlines the basic responsibilities and rights of young men under the draft law.)

This is the seventh article of the series.

In keeping with the decentralized, "grass roots" principles of Selective Service operation, decisions of local boards on classifications are final. But provision is made for appeals to volunteer civilian appeal boards under conditions specified in the law and regulations.

An appeal may be taken from any classification except for Class IV-F, disqualified, or those indicating that a man is in the Armed Forces (Class I-C) or in a conscientious objector civilian work program (Class I-W); or is over the age of liability (Class V-A).

The registrant, a dependent, or an employer under certain conditions, may appeal from a classification. The basic period in which an appeal must be taken is 10 days, with longer periods when the registrant is outside of the country. The time period is counted from the date the local board mails the registrant a notice of classification.

The Government appeal agent, who is a volunteer advisor to the local board, also may appeal, as may the State Director or the National Director of Selective Service.

An appeal is taken by written notice to the local board, but no particular form is required.

LARD IMPROVES SWINE RATION

Lard — produced by the hog — can also be used by the hog, according to tests at the Tidewater Research Station at Holland.

Scientists there explain that high energy rations for swine are increasing. One possible way to increase energy concentration in feeds is to use inedible animal fats.

If these inedible fats can be used efficiently in livestock rations, the researchers theroized, it would tend to strengthen the price of such fats. It would also help stabilize livestock prices and provide a cheap source of readily available energy for feed.

In the Holland tests, it was found that a 6% to 8% lard can be used efficiently as a way to improve the energy in high fiber rations. Specifically, the data showed that snapped corn can be used by the growing pig if the energy is built up by using lard.

If the appeal board's decision is unanimous, no further appeal rights exist except for the right of the State Director or the National Director to appeal to the presidential appeal board.

If the appeal board's decision is by a split vote, the case may be appealed to the presidential appeal board by the registrant and others entitled to take the first appeal.

Another right given to the registrant is the right of a personal appearance before the board if requested within 10 days after the notice of classification is mailed. The right of personal appearance is in addition to the appeal right.

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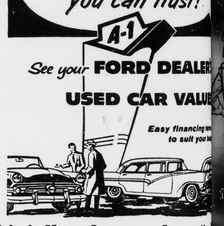
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Hixburg

Hixburg, June 22.- Glad are the Hixburgers that Walter Carson has begun on the foundation for a new house. This will be built on the original site of the William Watkins home. Mr. Joel Watkins, Sr., his son, and family also lived there. Four years ago the Watkins' structure was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Rob Martin was hostess to the Pamplin Home Demonstration Club Thursday afternoon .

Mrs. Frank Irving, with her notes from V. P. I., gave suggestions on pruning and care of shrubs.

Mrs. Jim Williams demonstrated fine serving techniques.

Absent on account of sickness was Mrs. Edwin Fore, vice-president. A get-well card for her was signed by the 14 members.

Luncheon salad supreme, hot ham biscuits, frozen dessert delight and coffee were served by the hostess.

The July meeting will be a picnic in the home of Mrs. Jim Williams.

The Rev. C. L. Price, Methodist minister, from Amherst, with his wife and six children, moved to Pamplin on Thursday. As is their custom, the members provided a covered-dish supper at the parsonage on Thursday evening. So generous were the proportions, that Mrs. Price remarked, "I'll not have to do any cooking for a week."

The three Pamplin churches are holding a joint Bible school this week, at the Methodist Church. The new minister is in charge.

Mrs. R .Lee Woodson, of "The Hermitage," the Methomist Home in Richmond, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. M. Black.

Mrs. Jeter Ligon left on Sunday to be guest of her son, John Jeter and his wife in Richmond.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Chappell visited his mother, Mrs. J. H. Chappell, in Durham recently. While there he had a check-up at a hospital.

Mrs. Alfred Harwood, of Appomattox was the guest of the Gene Searses for several days last week.

Mrs. Boyd Ford had a full house the week of June 13. From Statesville came Billy Ford, her son, and wife. On Saturday the Walter Fords, of Lynchburg, and the F. E. McCalleys, of Fredericksburg arrived.

Mrs. Watkins McPhillips and children, of Richmond, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McPhillips from Wednesday until Sunday. Watkins came on Saturday, and his family accompanied him home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harvey were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Paulette and family Sunday.

K. C. Paulette and Z. E. Cheatham attended the Horse Show Saturday in Amherst.

Miss Louise Leitner, of Richmond, spent the week-end in the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Leitner.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Holdren and family have moved into their new home.

Virginia Lee Franklin spent a few days last week with her aunt, Mrs. C. J. Paulette and attended Bible School.

Mr. W. W. Sweeney, of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Z .V. Harvey Sunday P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrar spent last week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Coleman, of Red Oak, Va.

Mr .and Mrs. Leon Paulette and family have moved back to our community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton visited the sick at the Virginia Baptist Hospital Sunday P. M.

Mrs. J. A. Young spent the week-end in Lynchburg visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Bean spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Clapp and family.

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Colored Dots

Impressive services were held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning at the regular preaching hour. The pastor delivered a Fathers Day sermon from the subject: Honoring our Fathers. All present enjoyed the message. The church choir rendered special music. The offering for the day was very good. A few visitors attended the service. The church clubs met at the close of the morning worship.

The local chapter of New Farmers of America was represented at the state convention held at Virginia State College last week by the following delegates: Rufus Trent, Cal Berkley, Timetheous Lawing; and adviser R. Q. Lawing. Rufus Trent represented the Western Federation in the tractor driving contest .He won fourth place. Timetheous Lawing represented the federation in the public speaking contest and won third place in the finals. Timetheous was also elected as secretary of the state association.

The seventh annual men's program was held at the Promise Land Baptist Church Sunday at 8 P. M. The First Baptist pastor and choir were special guests .Deacon William Hancock served as master of ceremony, and gave the welcome address. Greetings from the Mount Shiloh Church were given by deacon Calvin Elliott. Greetings from Galilee Church were given by deacon Leon A. Lawing. The offering was taken by deacon Virgil Fleshman and deacons Justin McDaniel and Leon Lawing. The pastor of the church gave remarks and introduced the speaker. Messrs. Russell Fleshman and James Petty served as ushers.

The public is cordially invited to attend the regular preaching services at the Promise Land Baptist Church Sunday at 11:30 A. M. At the close of the morning worship, a report of the rally will be made. All captains are asked to make their reports .The rally is given for the benefit of the church.

Funeral services for the late Rev. S. E. Singleton were conducted from the Holcomb Rock Baptist Church in Lynchburg on Wednesday at 2 P. M. The pastor of the church, Rev. N. S. Walker, delivered the eulogy. He was assisted by the Rev. A. L. Hill Ministers of the Hasadiah Association served as honorary pallbearers.

Mrs. Slaughter, sister of Mrs. Vann Patterson spent the week-end here with her sister.

Mr. R. E. Patrick is attending the vocational conference at Virginia State College this week.

Anne Carol and Fay Dickerson were at "The Cedars," a camp at Marion, Va., last week.

Ideas For Summer Party

Looking for ideas for cool, quick, and clever refreshments for a summer party? Extension specialists say personalized ice cream dishes can be decorated, stored in the freezer, and be ready to serve at a moment's notice.

There are many imaginative ways to serve ice cream. For individual birthday sundaes, place a generous scoop of ice cream into a frilly paper baking cup, put a candle in the ice cream, and keep it in the freezer until you're ready to serve. Then arrange the ice cream cups around the birthday cake and light the candles.

Coconut ice cream balls can be prepared for parties hours ahead of time. Roll scoops of ice cream in tinted coconut, then place the balls on a cooky sheet and pop them into the freezer. The coconut may be colored by shaking it with a few drops of vegetable coloring in a jar until the coloring is evenly distributed.

Ice cream name plates are another idea. Write each guest's name on a graham cracker in colored cake frosting, then put a slice of ice cream in between that and another graham cracker. Place the ice cream sandwich in the freezer until serving time.

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